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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael HECKMEIER et al.

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Examiner: Tarifur R. Chowdhury

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Group Art Unit: 2871

Title: LIQUID-CRYSTAL SWITCHING ELEMENT AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY DEVICE

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the **Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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